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To the Editor, Evening Post:

Thank you for publishing the three articles on the CIA in Cuba by Henry J. Taylor. I wonder: Can the American people fail to feel ashamed at what the CIA (who are our employees) are doing to brave Cuban patriots? Can we still tell the difference between right and wrong? Do we have a conscience?

Mr. Taylor's revelations about the CIA recall a brief speech which I heard in Washington last January by Dr. Tirso del Junco,

a general surgeon of Los Angeles, who had once been a schoolmate of Fidel Castro. He said that he had always considered Castro a criminal but was deceived by the New York Times and by the U.S. State Department into thinking that Fidel had reformed and become a great humanitarian.

He reported that guerrilla groups in the Escambray Mountains were being given hundreds of flashlights and walkie-talkies but insufficient ammunition. He also said that a number of civilian groups with whom he was acquainted had contacted the CIA or the State Department and been given utmost encouragement to proceed with their plans to infiltrate Cuba, commit sabotage, organize a military uprising, etc. Later, after making arrangements with friends in other Latin American countries and getting set in every way, they had contacted the CIA or the State Department again for the final go-ahead. At this point came the "not yet" command from the United States government representative. Again and again, on one pretext after another there were delaying instructions until the group fell apart in utter discouragement.

The doctor said that there was no hope of liberating Cuba unless the State Department and the CIA could be by-passed. He also predicted that 50,000-75,000 lives would be required as of last January for invading Cuba; 250,000 lives as of next January; and a number he preferred not to estimate after that time.

Dr. Tirso stated that Castro had

accomplished more for international Communism in two years throughout Central and South America than the entire Communist party had done in the preceding 15 years.

If we are to keep our lives and our freedom, we must realize that the anti-Communists in Latin America are fighting our battles. Instead of protecting the Marxist-Leninists, we must begin to help the Cuban patriots. The most essential step is to establish a government-in-exile on Cuban soil. The next, at this late and dangerous date, has to be a real blockade and invasion.

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